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Column One

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

Competition-129

Tick the Correct Answers

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Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

May 12, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

1 Who won the 2000 Trophy in West Indies?

Windsies Pakistan Zimbabwe

2 Who was the man-of-the-series in 2000 Trophy?

Inzamam King Ambrose

3 Who is South Africa's cricket captain?

Kirsten Gibbs Pollock

4 Who was the man-of-the-match in the Asia vs World Eleven cricket match?

Tendulkar Bevan De Silva

5 Who is the fastest man in the country now?

Mahluh Sattar Mizan

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

POWERED WITH EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK

Nathalie Tauziat

(French tennis player)

"Anna - what can I say? She has a good body. That's it."

On Russian teenager Anna Kournikova.

Boost WHIZZ KID-128 winner

Akif Bin Halim

(Sunnydale, Dhanmondi Dhaka)

Please bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star on May 5 at 7.30 pm.

WHIZZ KID-128 correct answers

1. Who is the number one women's tennis player?

Ans: Davenport

2. Who won the United Insurance IM chess title?

Ans: Reefat

3. How many Tests did Waish need to break Kapil Dev's world record?

Ans: 114

4. Who was adjudged man-of-the-series in the West Indies-Zimbabwe Tests?

Ans: Rose

5. Who are the First Division cricket champions?

Ans: Dhanmondi

Boost WHIZZ KID 127 winner

M Wamiq Hassan

(Cantt Public School & College, Rangpur)



Action during the Bangladesh-Nepal men's encounter in the second South Asian Handball Championships yesterday. —Star photo

Host teams begin in style

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh men's and women's team got off to flying starts in the Second South Asian Handball Championships at the Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium yesterday evening.

In the inaugural match, Bangladesh men's team recorded a 29-10 win over Nepal. The winners led the first half 14-7.

In an one-sided affair, Rafiqul Islam struck nine goals for the winners followed by Jahangir Alam with four. Saidur Rahman Sabir Ahmed, Selim Miah and Akram Hossain scored three each while Kamruzzaman and Mirza Saiduzzaman added two apiece.

On the other hand, Abhyala Lal Shrestha netted three goals while Dinesh Shrestha, Krishna Ojha and Padam Nepali scored two goals for Nepal.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH: Amjad Hossain, Selim Miah, Jahangir Alam, Abdul Matin, Akram Hossain, Kamruzzaman, Saidur Rahman, Sabir Ahmed, Sanath Malakar, Mirza

Saiduzzaman, Shahiduzzaman and Rafiqul Islam.

NEPAL: Sandesh Regmi, Bhumu Majhi, Pratap Shrestha, Krishna Phuyal, Dinesh Bista, Phanendra Shrestha, Padam Nepal, Abhyala Lal Shrestha, Rajib Singh Sijapati, Krishna Ojha, Bhumu Nandan Laudari and Roop Nayaran Shrestha.

Bangladesh women's team trounced their Nepalese counterparts 36-4.

The winners enjoyed a 14-2 lead at half time.

Jahanara Begum scored highest 13 goals and captain Syeda Rebeke Naznin added 12. Teammates Ruksana Farvin and Erina Nahar had four goals each. Shahida Khatun, Hasilata Begum and Rozina Khatun put in three goals.

On the other hand, Lila Thapa scored all four goals for hapless Nepalese.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH: Rebeke Naznin, Asma Begum, Jahanara Begum, Swapna Pervin, Shailla Parveen Shikha, Swarna Dewan, Erina Nahar, Hasilata Begum, Rozina Khatun, Shahida Khatun and Ruksana Pervin.

NEPAL: Manju Shrestha, Aruna Gurung, Manisa Maya Rani, Bal Kumari Rai, Bhima Rai, Kumari Rai, Shukra Rai, Geeta Thapa, Geeta Lama, Lila Thapa and Mahalaxmi Shrestha.

Earlier, State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader declared the three-nation meet open through a brief opening ceremony.

Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) president Abdul Hamid, BHF general secretary Asaduzzaman Rohuor were present.

The students of Rifles School and College performed a colourful displays during the inaugural ceremony.

The Indian team, who arrived in the capital last evening, missed the opening ceremony.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Men's

India v Nepal (9 am)

Bangladesh v India (3:30 pm)

Women's

India v Nepal (10:20 am)

Bangladesh v India (5 pm)

GROUPS

Group 1: Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Thailand

Group 2: South Korea, China, Kuwait, Indonesia

Group 3: Saudi Arabia, Japan, Qatar, Uzbekistan

Beirut's Palais UNESCO, neither country was admitting to being concerned about having to face each other at Lebanon 2000 along with the other Group C teams Qatar and Uzbekistan.

"With all due respect to the other teams, whoever is thinking of winning the cup should not fear any other teams" said His Royal Highness Prince Waleed bin Bader bin Saud of the Saudi Football Federation.

"It is a strong group, but if we want to win the cup we must not worry about the draw. Saudi Arabia and Japan will be a great match, it always will be whether it is at national or club level, because we are both at the top of Asian Football. Perhaps we might meet again in the final."

Junji Ogura of the Japan Football Association was equally as cool about facing the Saudis, claiming that playing them in the opening game was the best start they could have.

"I think it is better to have the first game against one of the strongest teams," said Ogura.

It will be a good test for Japan. We will have our three European-based players.



Scene from the Bangladesh-Nepal women's encounter in the second South Asian Handball Championships at National indoor Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

CCDM-Int'l XI match today

Sports Reporter

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) Eleven will take on International Eleven in an exhibition cricket match, organised as part of Wari Club's centenary celebrations, at the Bangladesh National Stadium this morning.

Weather-permitting, the 40-over-a-side affair, sponsored by Gazi Tank, will start at 9:30 am. In case the game cannot take place then it will be held tomorrow.

Abahani skipper Akram Khan will lead the CCDM Eleven, made up of top local players in the Premier league. The captain of International Eleven, comprising foreign recruits, is yet to be named.

The winners will receive a cash award of Tk 40,000 while the losing side will collect Tk 30,000.

The man-of-the-match will be awarded with Tk 3,000. Wari is the oldest sports institution in the country and observed its centenary last week.

Alam annexes President Cup golf title

Sports Reporter

Abu S Alam won the President Cup Golf Tournament played at the Kurmitola Club course yesterday.

A total of 277 players including 17 ladies and 22 juniors challenge the 18-hole course.

The Chief of Army Staff and president of the club Lt Gen M Mustafizur Rahman teed-off the players in the morning and later in the evening gave away prizes.

This marks the end of the season.

Meanwhile, Shawkat uz Zaman was adjudged the player-of-the-year. He collected the Aysa Memorial Golf Cup. Sadiq Quddus finished runner-up.

Saber Afzal, who was second runner-up, also collected the Club Championship's runner-up prize.

The Championship went to Syed Mohammad Ali.

Following are other results of the President Cup:

Ladies' winner: Mrs M H Youn; **Super senior:** Maj Gen (Retd) RAM Golam Muktadir; **Senior winner:** Brig (Retd) M Masud Ali Khan; **Junior winner:** M H Asif; **Runner-up:** Lt Col (Retd) Gyas Uddin Chowdhury; **Ladies' runner-up:** Mrs H J Hwang; **2nd runner-up:** C S Jung; **3rd runner-up:** Yakib Haji Jumat; **Front nine winner:** Brig S Anam Khan; **Back nine winner:** Aseef Ibrahim; **Nearest to pin:** Mohammad Munim Uz Zaman Khan; **Longest drive:** Imtiaz M Jahangir; **Best point per 5 hole:** Maj Gen Sved Ahmed; **Best point per 4 hole:** Gurmeet Singh; **Best point per 3 hole:** Shaifiqui Islam.

Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 28: Royal's brilliant double hat-trick paved way for drubbing Kajirganj Sporting Club 9-0 in the Rajshahi First Division Football super league at the local stadium today.

Royal scored in the 7th, 13th, 20th, 25th, 31st and 86th minutes.

Samim netted two goals in the 35th and 60th minutes and Rashed made one goal in 51st minute.

Mohammed earned six points from three matches.

Alid Club will take on Diganta Prosyangha tomorrow.

Reefat atop alone

Sports Reporter



International Master (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar of Biman earned a solo lead in the Professor Abdur Kazzak 26th National Chess Championship with an easy win over Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of Titas Club in the fourth round at the NSC chess room last night.

Playing with white pieces against the Thillidor defence of Kashem, the highest rated player in the country, forced his opponent into submission after 24 moves.

It raised his tally to a maximum four points.

Mainuddin Ahmed of Chittagong, who shared the lead along with Reefat going into the round, lost to Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu of Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha.

Tipu made a king-pawn opening and won the board after 36 moves.

IM Ziaur stole a march on Mainuddin by beating Saifuddin Lovlu of Titas Club. He is

half-a-point behind the leader. Playing with black pieces, Zia adopted Dutch defence and won after a marathon spell of 57 moves.

Abu Sufian Shakil of Ansars upset IM Abdullah Al-Rakib. Playing with whites against the Carocan defence of Rakib, Shakil took only 20 moves to force a checkmate.

In other matches, Tabeur Rahman Sumon of BUET beat Shawkat Hossain Pallab of Ansars while Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of Titas Club managed a draw with Monir Hossain of Leonine Chess Club.

Standings: 4 points--Reefat, 3.5 points--Zia, 3 points--Mainuddin and Shakil, 2.5 points--Sumon, Rakib and Monir, 2 points--Rajib (3 games), 1.5 points--Shiplu, 1 point--Arif, Pallab and Lovlu.

Today's matches: Reefat v Nasir, Zia v Rajib, Amin v Lovlu, Rakib v Arif, Monir v Shakil, Mainuddin v Shiplu, Pallab v Tipu and Kashem v Sumon.

Asia Cup cricket

Bangladesh open against champs

MUMBAI, Apr 28: India is to take on hosts Bangladesh first and not holders Sri Lanka in their Asia Cup opener at Dhaka as per the schedule drawn up by the Asian Cricket Council at Sharjah last month-end, Indian Cricket Board Secretary Jaywant Lele clarified from Baroda today, reports PTI.

Pointing out that the earlier schedule available with the board office here was incorrect, Lele added that the tournament is to commence on May 28 and the final is slated for June 7 with June 8 scheduled as a reserve day.

FIXTURE

May 28:	Sri Lanka v Bangladesh
May 29:	Rest day
May 30:	India v Bangladesh
May 31:	Rest day
June 01:	India v Sri Lanka
June 02:	Pakistan v Bangladesh
June 03:	India v Pakistan
June 04:	Rest day
June 05:	Pakistan v Sri Lanka
June 06:	Rest day
June 07:	Final
June 08:	Reserve day



International Master Ziaur Rahman makes a move against Saifuddin Lovlu during the fourth round of the Professor Abdur Kazzak National Chess Championship yesterday. —Star photo

Match-fixing linked to killing of diamond trader?

Azharuddin interrogated



BOMBAY, Apr 28: Former Indian captain Azharuddin was questioned by Bombay police.

He was questioned about the murder of prominent diamond trader, a senior police officer said Friday, reports AP.

Ashraf Patel was shot dead Monday by three assailants as he was getting out of his car outside his house in downtown Bombay.

Patel, who was one of the city's biggest retailers of Swiss watches and owned a string of galleries selling premier brands, met with Azharuddin a couple of days before he was killed. The skipper was being questioned about his links with Patel, police said.

Police investigating an extortion ring and a betting and match-fixing scandal involving former South African captain Hansie Cronje believe Patel was the target of a powerful bookie network that stretches from Bombay to Dubai.

"Preliminary questioning of Azharuddin has been done. He will be questioned again and again. This is not a small case," Deputy Commissioner of Police Jai Jeet Singh told the Associated Press.

"We're working on the match-fixing link. Match-fixing cannot be ruled out," he said when asked about the possible cause of Patel's murder.

Patel may have been the victim of rivalry between two betting syndicates or a disagreement about settlement of dues, said a police officer who did not wish to be identified.

So far Azharuddin has been questioned on telephone, but police have asked him to be available for further questioning in person.

Delhi Police has filed a case of cheating and fraud against Cronje and three other South African cricketers. They have also released the transcript of a taped phone conversation allegedly between Cronje and an Indian bookie about throwing a one-day match against India earlier this year. The cricketers have denied all allegations.

Federal Sports Minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa announced in parliament Friday that the Central Bureau of Investigation would probe allegations into match-fixing.

Azharuddin is one of four Indian cricketers named by the Indian newsweekly, Outlook, for links with bookies. The batsman has refused the charge.

Police say bookies are the first link in a complex chain that includes match fixers who have contacts with international cricket players and celebrities keen on betting.

Betting on cricket, the most popular sport in the country, is illegal. But bet worth an estimated 10 billion rupees (230 million dollar) are placed on one-day international matches across the country. All money earned through this evades the income tax net.

Case in CBI's hands



NEW DELHI, Apr 28 (AFP/Reuters): The Indian government on Friday ordered the Central Bureau of Investigation

(CBI) to find out whether any Indian cricketer or official was involved in match-fixing.

Sports Minister Sukhdev Dhindsa told parliament the probe had been ordered to clear the air, but did not set out any time frame for the investigations to be completed.

"Keeping in view the sentiments expressed by honourable members in both houses of parliament, the sensitivity of the case and the complexities involved, and also the issue of jurisdiction, government has decided to entrust the matter to the CBI for appropriate inquiry and necessary action," Dhindsa said in a statement in the parliament.

"It is hoped that this inquiry will clear the air of rumours and suspicions surrounding this subject."

Dhindsa said cases registered by New Delhi police against former South African Captain Hansie Cronje would be pursued to the logical conclusion.

The announcement of the governmental inquiry comes less than 24 hours after Dhindsa held an unprecedented meeting with top Indian players and officials, led by International Cricket Council (ICC) president Jagmohan Dalmiya.

Dhindsa had told reporters after the three-hour meeting that "the only thing that needs to be settled is whether to hand over the probe to the CBI or order an inquiry by a Supreme Court judge."

"Government believes that those who are guilty must be punished, those who are innocent must not be slandered, those who have evidence must cooperate and shall be given adequate protection, and those who make ill-founded allegations must be exposed," Dhindsa's statement said.

Dhindsa also wanted players and officials to voluntarily declare their assets to quash all suspicions.

The New Delhi police has stressed that no Indian player was linked to the Cronje investigation.

But the media has speculated on several names -- among them Kapil Dev, Mohammad Azharuddin, Ajay Jadeja and Nayan Mongia -- of being involved in betting in the past.

Former Test all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar has accused an unnamed teammate of offering him 25,000 dollars to play badly in a one-day match

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